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If Microsoft now wins in the pretense of this "settlement" because the government's lawyers are too intimidated or too co-opted, then it is we users and developers who pay the price. Here's the thing. The United States government and the governments of however many states spent a great deal of our taxpayer money in successfully proving Microsoft is an abusive monopolist. That is something we users experience everyday. This settlement is nothing more than an abandonment of what was established in a court of law--that Microsoft is a dangerous, abusive stifler of competition and innovation. Walking away through the thinly veiled pretense of this "settlement" is a betrayal of the judicial process, the law and those of us who foot the bills for such things.

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